

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Dillon Goodson, Lee Crandell

Guests: Mike Beltz, Grant Dawson, Andrew Johengen, Renee Wah

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from October 26, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Evaluation of 2017 People Spots

Nabil Zahrah introduced Renee Wah, the Lakeview Chamber's urban planning intern, who presented the findings of her evaluation of the SSA's 2017 People Spot locations. Renee spent several months observing both People Spots, talking with people using the People Spots, and meeting with adjacent businesses to gather input. She shared her observation that both of the People Spots, which were located at 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave. and 3418-3422 N. Lincoln Ave. in 2017, performed well in these locations, but they could benefit from added shade from taller plants or umbrellas. Committee members discussed whether the bench that is connected to the People Spot at 3100-3118 N. Lincoln Ave. could be removed and replaced with movable tables and chairs to encourage people to linger longer. They also compared the placement of the People Spots in 2017 to the success of past locations, such as the original placement of one of the People Spots on the 2900 block of North Lincoln Avenue, and acknowledged the importance of having a supportive business mix nearby. Dillon Goodson reminded Committee members that a decision on 2018 locations would need to be made by February, and that the Committee could continue previous conversations about replacing People Spots with permanent public spaces, like a concrete bumpout.

Sidewalk Seating Areas

Terese McDonald reported that she and Lakeview Chamber staff had recently attended two committee meetings at Blaine Elementary School to gather feedback on the proposed sidewalk seating area on the north end of Southport. Officials at Blaine Elementary School remain concerned about adding a fixed bench near their school due to safety issues, and therefore the feasibility of the project is uncertain at this time. Nabil Zahrah motioned to proceed with finding a different location for this sidewalk seating area elsewhere on the north end of Southport, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Tree Planting & Tree Care

Dillon Goodson reported that approximately 30 new trees were planted throughout the SSA in November, with most of the trees concentrated on Ashland and Lincoln avenues. He shared proposals from two different vendors for winter tree pruning within the SSA service area along Ashland. Committee members discussed how Bartlett Tree Experts had past experience with the SSA, making them the most

qualified to complete this job, and suggested that a broader tree pruning plan for the entire SSA should be examined in the future.

2018-19 Landscaping Contract

Terese McDonald noted that a total of five firms submitted proposals in response to the SSA's RFP for landscaping services in 2018-19. Based on the Streetscape Committee's review ahead of this meeting, two firms were invited to present on their proposals: BrightView and A Safe Haven. Terese introduced representatives from each of these firms, who presented separately on their qualifications and landscaping recommendations. Upon the conclusion of both presentations, Committee members discussed the proposals and cited BrightView's past experience as SSA 27's landscaping vendor since 2016. Expressing their overall satisfaction with BrightView, Committee members requested for them to install plants that are more mature and suggested that they should be more attentive to weeds in in-ground planter beds. Terese McDonald motioned to recommend a \$53,840 per year contract with BrightView for 2018-19, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Nabil Zahrah motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Luis Monje; meeting adjourned at 9:39 AM.